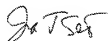


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies, and to present an amended claim 1 for initial examination.

An abstract has been added to the translation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ira J. Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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